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1. 24-27 September

2. A small train, unloader, on 26 September, carried about 50 EM, two T-34-85 tanks, and vehicles T-4-51-25 to 35.

b. New vehicle number series observed entering the area were E 1-15, E 1-16, and F 2-19.

c. Two new direction arrows, pointing into the area from its SE edge, read: HA ETHIO 46Q.7 and HA ETHIO 46Q.8.

2. 27 September - 5 October

a. During the night of 27-28 September, a unit arrived via Autobahn from the direction of ERFURT (H96), proceeded to the woods SW of WALTERS HAUSEN (H95), and camped near the Doysinglust Inn on both sides of the Waltershausen-Tabarz road. AT guns went into position south and west of the camp. The column consisted of twelve 57 mm AT 43 guns, seven 100 mm AT 44, at least fifteen 90 mm AT (ZK/PAR), and about 80 Studebaker type vehicles. Vehicles:

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b. An apparently complete unit with vehicles in the [] arrived from the direction of KINLE (H40), via LEINA (J48), and entered the woods 5 km NE of PALEDRICHERA (H92). The column, of reconnaissance type, contained 43 motorcycles with side cars, four 57 mm AT guns 43, twelve armored reconnaissance cars, and six T-34/85 tanks. [] Vehicles entering the camp were:

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3. 4-5 October

Four fighters and one PO-2 were seen cruising over the above camps for approximately 1 1/2 hours, beginning at noon, on 4 and 5 October. Sole identifying marks were white wing tips.

4. 10 October

All units described in Paragraph 2 preceding had evacuated the area by 10 October, when source returned to the scene. Out traffic began about 7 October. Source believes that the purpose of the movements between 27 September and 5 October was to train units in occupying bivouac areas and initial positions. A local farmer stated that some units had been loaded at GEORGETHAL (J05) for shipment to ALTENBURG (K27) on 8 and 9 October.

5. 11-16 October

The following rail shipments out of the OHRDRUF area were observed:

11 Oct - Loaded in OHRDRUF: 21 cars of troops, twenty-seven T-34/85 twelve SU-85 and trucks

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Many of the troops wore wartime decorations; only a few recruits were among them.

12 Oct - Passed through GOTHEN on route from EISENACH: 24 boxcars of troops, 4 trucks with rocket launchers in the fifteen 122 mm howitzers 38, two 57 mm AT 42, two 76.2 mm AT, 4 light reconnaissance cars, and vehicles

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